

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee** was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 4:30 pm in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

PRESENT: Chair Erickson, Ed Koslowski, Joe Aulik, Joan Brusky, Ken Corry, Jim Haskins, Duane Pierce, Jerry Polus
EXCUSED: Louise Dahlke

1. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bernie Erickson at 4:30 pm.

2. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Jim Haskins, seconded by Joan Brusky to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approve/Modify Minutes of August 20, 2019.

Motion made by Duane Pierce, seconded by Joan Brusky to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Invocation.

Jim Haskins gave the invocation at this time.

5. Budget Status Financial Report for July 2019 (unaudited).

Chair Erickson informed this was included in the agenda packet and the numbers looks good at this time.

Motion made by Duane Pierce, seconded by Jim Haskins to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Update re: Honor Rewards Program.

CVSO Joe Aulik informed there have not been any changes since his last update at the last meeting.

7. Discussion re: Veterans Day.

Ed Koslowski informed he just sent out the list he had from 2018 as well as a list for the start of 2019. The only information he has received so far is with regard to the event at the Yacht Club. He will be e-mailing businesses that had offers last year to see if they will be participating this year. He intends to also add in those national businesses that have offers. Erickson urged Koslowski to contact Austin's and Schlotzky's Deli as they are good supporters of veterans. Several other businesses were discussed and Koslowski will contact them. He noted that he will also be reaching out to businesses in the surrounding communities to see if they have offers as well. Erickson suggested Koslowski google business associations for area communities to get more information on the businesses in their respective areas. Erickson reminded Koslowski to contact Deputy Executive Jeff Flynt when the final list is ready so Flynt can distribute it to the media.

8. Discussion re: Honor Flight of Champions – October 19, 2019.

Erickson informed there will be another Honor Flight out of Green Bay. The Flight of Champions will be on October 19 and is part of the Stars and Stripes program. The Flight of Champions is being sponsored by the Packers, Brewers and Bucks along with local sponsors Bellin, Schneider, Johnsonville, WPS and one other sponsor. There has been a donation of flags for the welcome back festivities. The sponsors are providing a lot of volunteers to help out and are able to pick veterans from their organizations to go on the flight. Several more volunteers are needed and Aulik is working on getting those. Corry said they could provide an honor guard if needed or other volunteers. Erickson noted that if someone says they will volunteer, they absolutely have to do it and have to attend a mandatory training on October 18. There will be a press release at Lambeau Field on October 2 at 10:30 am regarding the flight. Speakers will include Mark Murphy, Troy Streckenbach, a veteran and a Packer. Brusky asked about the return home celebration and also volunteered to be at the airport on the morning of the flight to help out.

9. Report from CVSO Joe Aulik.

Aulik said the big thing he was going to report on was the Honor Flight which the group just talked about.

10. Report from Committee Members Present (Erickson, Aulik, Brusky, Corry, Dahlke, Haskins, Koslowski, Metoxen, Pierce, Polus).

-Erickson did not have anything to report that was not already discussed above.

-Aulik did not have anything to report that was not already discussed above.

-Brusky informed she will be working with Koslowski on calling for the Veterans Day offers.

-Corry informed the Fourth HOOAH Veterans Suicide Walk will be held on November 9 at 8:00 am. This event is usually attended by 1,000 - 1,200 people. Registration starts at 6:00 am and the walk starts at 8:00 am. There will be several veterans organization on hand and there will also be QPR training following the ruck march. Registration fee is \$25 and all money raised will go to Fourth HOOAH to help local veterans. The event last year raised roughly \$100,000. There is a 2 mile route along with a 20 mile route. More information is available at <https://hooahinc.org/event/2019-wi-march/>. Corry talked about some of the things 4th HOOAH is doing with the funds raised throughout the state as well as some of their other fundraising events.

Corry also informed VFW Post 2037 is doing a beer mile on September 21. There will be root beer, beer or water. Participants run a total of one mile, stopping every quarter mile to drink 12 ounces of beverages. This event will begin at noon at Stillmark Brewery.

-Haskins referenced a recent newspaper article regarding a bill being proposed that would pay for searches for missing service members from Wisconsin. There are more than 1500 Wisconsinites missing in warzones. If the bill is approved by lawmakers it would pay \$180,000 annually to the University of Wisconsin MIA Recovery and Identification Project which has helped find and identify the remains of three services members killed in WWII. Wisconsin would be the first state to pay for recovery missions of its fallen. Haskins read the remainder of the article to the group.

-Koslowski stated his veterans group is having a meat raffle on September 28 at 2:00 pm at Shoots.

-Pierce informed that at 7:00 pm on Friday night the POW/MIA candlelight ceremony will be held at the POW flagpole at the courthouse. He also talked about the time he spent in Manitowoc at the Wall That Heals. The weather was not that cooperative and the attendance was not what they had hoped for, but it was still a good event. Pierce concluded by saying that Old Glory Honor Flights are planning for May 2020 to have a Return to Korea trip. There is not a specific date yet but he will keep the group updated on this.

-Polus offered his support to Aulik and the rest of the Flight of Champions committee. He asked how many veterans will be on the flight and Aulik said there will be about 90 on the Green Bay flight and two more flights will be leaving out of Milwaukee.

11. **Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law. None.**

12. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Jim Haskins, seconded by Ken Corry to adjourn at 5:10 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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